

Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission

City of Jasper, Indiana held October 5, 2004

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, October 5, 2004 at the Jasper Arts Center with Gerald Gagne presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Doug Abbett, Gerald Gagne, Ann Hilgefort, Mike Jones, Sylvia Metzger, Robin Norris, Don Routson, Myra Schuetter, Pat Thyen, Don Weisheit. **Commission Members Absent:** Gloria Buecher. **Staff Members Present:** Darla Blazey, Barbara Hoffman, Doreen Lechner, Kit Miracle, Donna Schepers. **Regional Services Coordinator:** Jill Watson. **Guests in Attendance:** Councilmen: Ambrose Schitter, Thomas Schmidt; City Attorney, Sandy Hemmerlein.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 7, 2004 were approved with this correction: Under the Buildings & Structures Report it should have read that the bid for curbing and gutter from Jasper Lumber was \$3,445 instead of \$3,335. After the correction was made to these minutes, **Don Routson** moved to accept the minutes for the September 7 board meeting and the minutes from the September 8 board retreat as presented. **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

City Financial Statement

Don Routson reviewed the financial statement and inquired about the admission line of the budget. He requested an explanation for the difference in the amount collected in 2003 as compared to this year's totals. Darla said last year's figures reflected single ticket sales for two shows for Vicki Lawrence in September. She also stated that single tickets for the Oak Ridge Boys would increase the admissions line. Since more subscriptions were sold this year, as compared to last year, income will be down as a result of patrons paying a discounted price. All other line items were in order.

City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims

City Claims in the amount of \$19,188.85 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$6,005.00 were also presented. It was moved by **Don Routson** to accept the claims and financial statement as presented. **Don Weisheit** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Visual Arts Report

Kit reported.

- The Juried Show exhibit closed and more school students visited. Martha Hayden's exhibit "Seeing Color, Feeling Space" was hung today.
- The Spanish Art Lecture will be held on Sunday, October 17 from 3:30-5:30 pm. It is almost sold-out.
- Visual Arts Classes to be held are the Pre-School, Children's Photography and Adult Oil Painting. The Figure Drawing and Still Life workshops will not be held.
- Donna reported on her visit with one of the creative writer instructors from Vincennes University who plans to bring her students to the gallery for a writing project. Attempts are being made to bring more university students into the building. Darla reported that she gave brochures with a letter to incoming freshmen and new students. She has been in contact with Dr. Ezell about posting our events on the University's internal calendars.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- Peter Ostroushko performed in the high school and middle school. A few evaluations have come back stating that the performance wasn't quite suited for students. She noted that at his last performance at the high school, though, seniors were overwhelmed and gave him a standing ovation. There were some students who wanted to do a jam session with him after the performance. Donna reiterated that all of our visiting artists are meant to

introduce students and the community to new experiences and aren't selected because they are popular. It was noted that Peter's performance on the Backstage was extremely successful and well received.

- Hobey Ford will be in the Jasper elementary schools with his puppets doing performances for grades K-5 on October 11, 12, and 13. He will return to Jasper for a public performance on the Family Fun Series on Sunday, November 14 at 2:00 pm at the Arts Center.
- She and Darla attended the Arts Midwest Conference. She stated that this was the best conference she has ever attended. There were many positive experiences and choices for next year's Performing Arts Series. The Performing Arts Committee will be meeting soon to discuss ideas.
- The Team Members of the Kennedy Center's Partners in Education Project met and are making progress. A meeting was held with Dr. Riggs, Harold Schipp, Jerald Vandeventer and Nancy Habig. They were very supportive of the project and offered their assistance. If selected, Dr. Riggs and Nancy Habig will attend the training institute on behalf of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools along with Donna and Darla. The application for consideration is due October 30.

Buildings & Structures Report

Doreen reported.

- Act Auditions for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be held on Monday and Tuesday, October 11 & 12.
- Tom Sawyer will be held on Saturday, October 30. The crew call is from 9:00 am until noon. This is a small crew call so there is room to observe to see what is going on.

Region 11 Report

Jill reported.

- The Regional Advisory Council met on September 20 to discuss a proposal that the JCAC received from a local artist who works in our region, but does not live in our region. The idea was to plan a regional traveling art show that would feature regional artists and be held in various locations within the region such as libraries, city halls, court houses and meeting spaces for a 2 to 3 month period. The Advisory Council is meeting to work out the details. Some board members expressed concerns about liability issues. They asked Jill to discuss the project in more detail with her Regional Advisory Council and report back to them.
- She is working on a technical assistance workshop with Jamie Levy.
- On Saturday, November 20 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, Bill Whorrall, art teacher for Holy Family and Precious Blood Schools, will hold a free workshop at Holy Family School's art classroom for regional art teachers. Jill is coordinating this workshop as a technical assistance workshop for Region 11. Highlights will be handouts/lesson plans, demonstrations, slide show of projects, materials exchange and future networking possibilities. Registration deadline is Wednesday, November 17.
- There are 1700 addresses on the pARTicipate mailing list.
- An organization that applied for a FY04 grant has not returned the final grant report to receive the final 10% of the grant. They have not applied for the FY2005 grant year. This organization will receive a notice that the final grant report is due within 2 weeks. If this is not received the organization will not receive the final payment.
- Darla said that the Indiana Arts Commission was here a couple of weeks ago. She thanked everyone for their support including Bob and Judy McCarty for holding a reception at their home and all who came to the Schnitzelbank for dinner. She felt that it was a very good meeting. Several IAC members expressed that they were pleased with our work and stated that our region has a lot of potential. Darla informed the board that changes in funding could be coming from the IAC for the next biennium. Our region already receives the smallest amount of regional block grant monies. The IAC is considering recalculating the amount of administrative money partners would receive and may make a portion of the community arts project funds competitive. These changes could reduce the overall amount of money the JCAC receives as a regional partner.

Performing Arts Report

Darla reported.

- Ticket update: 483 renewals, 124 new subscribers for a total of 607 subscribers out of 675 seats. Oakridge Boys single tickets: 362 tickets are on the waiting list, and Barb will start processing orders tomorrow.
- For Barrage, 640 tickets have already been sold. There are 35 seats to sell with 36 names on the waiting list.
- For the Lettermen, names are being added to a request list, but one of the shows will definitely be sold out.
- For Chapin Family, 642 tickets are sold.
- For Steel Magnolias, 644 tickets are sold.
- Family Fun Series Tickets: all of those shows are at 175 to 200 tickets sold. There is potential to sell more for all of them.
- Backstage Series report is: Peter Ostroushko, 131 tickets; Andes Manta, 98 tickets; Jasper Band, 108 and Janice Martin, 110.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Orientation/Job Description

Myra reported.

- She and Ann met to prepare a draft of a board member job description, board organizational chart and board orientation packet for present board members and future board members. Copies that she and Ann worked on were given to all present. Discussion was held and Myra asked members to e-mail or phone her or Ann before the next board meeting with additional ideas and suggestions.

Marketing Committee

Darla reported.

- She updated the Board with progress on the formation of the committee. The following people have agreed to serve on the JCAC Marketing Committee: Michael Jones, JCAC Vice-President, Executive Director-Memorial Hospital Foundation; Don Routson, JCAC Secretary/Treasurer; Don Weisheit, JCAC Board Member, Manager-Herald Printing; Tonya Brothers-Bridge, Senior Vice-President, GAB; Kristi Rubino, Corporate Communications, JOFCO; Michelle Pfister, Manager of Marketing Services, MasterBrand Cabinets; Scott Saalman, Manager of Employee Communications, Kimball International; Martin Vaught, Director of Public Relations, Kimball International; Darla Blazey, JCAC Executive Director. A meeting with the committee will be held in October.

Garfield's Promotion

Darla reported.

- She asked the Board if they would be interested in the promotion with Garfield's Restaurant. There was discussion held and the Board decided to table a decision until the marketing committee meets to discuss.

Adjournment

Doug Abbett made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm, **Don Routson** seconded.

Motion passed 10-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 2, at 4:30 pm

Gerald Gagne, President

Don Routson, Secretary-Treasurer